WELLESLEY CIVIL DEFENSE SALUTES ITS HAM RADIO OPERATORS

On Sunday, April 13, George P. deCoen, Wellesley Civil Defense Director met with Roger P. Smith, ~~Civil Defense~~ Wellesley C. D. Communications Officer, and his ham radio operators at Wellesley Town Hall to pay tribute to their faithful and dependable services to Civil Defense.

Organized in 1951, the Wellesley Civil Defense Communications group has since manned and serviced the CD short wave radio stations in both public and private buildings, holding practice drills every Sunday morning. These weekly tests have never been cancelled.

Wellesley CD Communications personnel include:

John D. Allen, K1FWF, and his brother George Allen, WA1HUY, 51 Pine Plain Road
Marshall H. Cannell, WA1DMC, 25 Sheridan Road
Dr. William H. Emerson, WA1EVD, 115 Westgate
Ludwig G. Fasolino, WA1DRC, 34 Pine Plain Road
Albert H. Graf, W1OQP, 319 Worcester Street
Larry C. H. Jones, W1IHM, 297 Weston Road
Walter E. Lenk, K1YTY, 22 Priscilla Circle
Roger P. Smith, W1EOA, 7 Berkeley Road
Roy E. Snow, W1AFD, 14 Windemere Road

Director deCoen is most appreciative of their public spirited support as evidenced during the Northeast blackout in November, 1965 and more recently during the standby flood alert of 1968. Particularly noteworthy was their efficient handling of radio communications for the big parade on Veterans Day, 1968.

For many years, Wellesley Civil Defense has had an active interest in Wellesley's only ham radio club - the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society (WARS). CD radio operators have assumed positions of leadership in WARS by serving as officers or by teaching courses in radio theory and code. The close relationship between WARS and Wellesley CD has resulted in a steady flow of new ham radio operators for CD short wave mobile and fixed equipment installed in 10 stragetic locations around Town.

In addition to his CD assignment, Dr. W. H. Emerson serves as Emergency Coordinator for the American Radio Relay League while Marshall H. Cannell, George Allen, Dr. Emerson and Walter E. Lenk are active on Air Force MARS message handling systems.

CD Director deCoen is deeply grateful to his Wellesley CD ham radio operators for their continued interest and their enthusiastic and knowledgeable contributions to CD over the years.